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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

The Honorable Dave Burke
Ohio Senate
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Burke:

Thank you for your December 18, 2012 letter regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's investigation of potential sources of contamination in eastern Sandusky County, Ohio. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has asked me to respond on her behalf.

EPA shares your concerns and recognizes that the families affected by childhood cancer have suffered a great deal. EPA is committed to continuing to evaluate sites of potential contamination in eastern Sandusky County. To that end, EPA is currently overseeing a large assessment effort at the Whirlpool Park site in Green Springs, where elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) have been detected. When this assessment work is complete, EPA will share its finding with the community, including local and state health officials.

EPA has also revised its Eastern Sandusky County Assessment Project website (<http://www.epa.gov/Region5/cleanup/easternsandusky>) and is developing a fact sheet to provide the public with updates. Further, EPA will continue to work with the Sandusky County Health Department to identify and contact interested parties without violating the privacy of residents.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Intergovernmental Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard C. Karl".

Richard C. Karl, Director
Superfund Division